will be of maximum effectiveness if all elements of the Department adhere to the same fundamental principles in their conduct and support of basic research.

§272.4 Principles.

- (a) Basic research is essential to the development of military power.
- (b) Continuity is essential to successful basic research. Therefore, long-term planning and funding of basic research will be employed to the maximum possible extent.
- (c) Basic research may be conducted by competent scientists in universities and non-profit institutions, industry, military laboratories, or elsewhere.
- (d) Sustained support of basic research will result in increased effectiveness and economies in military programs.
- (e) Free and effective communication among scientists is important to basic research.

§ 272.5 Policy.

- (a) It is the policy of the Department of Defense:
- (1) To conduct and support a broad and continuing basic research program to provide fundamental knowledge, with emphasis on that related to the needs of the Department of Defense; and
- (2) To assure full utilization of our scientific resources and to extend those resources in those areas of science relevant to the mission of the Department of Defense; and
- (3) To maintain, through such a program, effective communication among the scientists of the Department of Defense and the scientists of the universities and industry; and
- (4) To coordinate this program of basic research with the National Science Foundation; and
- (5) To encourage the support of basic research by other government and private agencies.

§ 272.6 Implementation.

(a) It is the responsibility of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering to produce, on a continuing basis, a sound basic research program through the coordination and integration of the elements of the program

among the military departments and other agencies of the Department of Defense authorized to conduct or support basic research.

- (b) The Department of Defense provides support of basic research by:
- (1) Support of in-house laboratories. Basic research in laboratories of the Department of Defense or in laboratories of other government agencies, best qualified for such work in particular areas, should be encouraged.
- (2) Grants to and contracts with educational and nonprofit institutions. In situations appropriate for grants under the provisions of part 273, of this chapter the grant instrument is the preferred method of supporting basic research by educational and other nonprofit institutions.
- (3) Contract with industry. Contracts specifically for basic research may be made with industrial contractors (including small businesses) which have a recognized special competence in a given area. In the administration of the provisions of part 15 of this chapter, which relate to the allowability of a contractor's independent research costs under certain Department of Defense contracts, favorable consideration should be given to independent basic research.
- (c) The military departments and other agencies of the Department of Defense authorized to conduct or support basic research will provide the Director of Defense Research and Engineering with such information as he may require in order to carry out his responsibilities under this part, including annual reports through established administrative and fiscal channels of the following, by contract or grant and dollar value:
- (1) Basic research performed in government laboratories.
- (2) Basic research grants to educational and nonprofit institutions.
- (3) Basic research contracts to educational and nonprofit institutions.
- (4) Basic research contracts to industrial contractors, including small business.
- (5) Independent basic research recognized as an allowable cost in an advance agreement under the provisions of part 15 of this chapter. Such costs

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shall be reported via the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics).

PART 274—REGULATIONS GOV-ERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON U.S. GOVERNMENT GUARAN-TEED MILITARY EXPORT LOAN AGREEMENTS

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 24, Foreign Military Sales Act (22 U.S.C. 2764) and Executive Order 11501 (34 FR 20169).

SOURCE: 38 FR 858, Jan. 5, 1973, unless otherwise noted.

§ 274.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this memorandum is to prescribe regulations under which the Secretary of Defense or his designee may, from time to time, by public notice, offer financial institutions the opportunity to bid on the interest rates for the subject agreements. The bids made will be subject to the terms, conditions, and procedures herein set forth, except as they may be supplemented in the public notice or notices issued by the Secretary of Defense or his designee in connection with particular offerings.

§ 274.2 Definitions.

(a) The terms public notice, notices, or announcement mean the public notice of invitation to bid and any supplementary or amendatory notices or announcements with respect thereto, including, but not limited to, any statement released to the press by the Secretary of Defense or his designee and notices sent to those who have filed notices of intent to bid or who have filed bids.

(b) The term Loan Agreement means the proposed agreement between the

foreign government and the private U.S. lender as described in the particular notice of Invitation to Bid.

§ 274.3 Public notice.

(a) Bids hereunder will be invited through a public notice issued by the Secretary of Defense or his designee which will prescribe the amount of the loan for which bids are invited, the repayment schedule, the conditions under which bidders may specify the rate of interest, and the date and closing hour for receipt of bids.

(b) Accompanying the notice will be the form of the Loan Agreement which the successful bidder must execute with the borrower, except for those terms which will be subject to bidding.

§274.4 U.S. guaranty.

Under section 24 of the Foreign Military Sales Act (22 U.S.C. 2764), any individual, corporation, partnership, or other juridical entity (excluding U.S. Government agencies) will be guaranteed against political and credit risks of nonpayment arising out of their financing of credit sales of defense articles and defense services to friendly countries and international organizations. Section 24 explicitly provides that guarantees thereunder are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Fees in the amount of one-fourth of 1 percent of the amount of credits agreed upon shall be charged for such guaranties.

§ 274.5 Notice of intent to bid.

Any individual or organization, syndicates, or other group which intends to submit a bid, must, when required by the notice, give written notice of such intent on the appropriate form at the place and within the time specified in the public notice. Such notice, which shall be given to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045, will not constitute a commitment to bid.

§ 274.6 Submission of bids.

(a) *General*. Bids will be received only at the place specified and not later than the time designated in the public notice. Bids shall be irrevocable.

(b) Interest rates. Bids must be expressed in terms of rates of interest not